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(SBU) CDA discussed reftel points with MFA Deputy Political Director Stephan Muller on August 7. Muller suggested that Burma poses the same problem to EU dialogue with ASEAN members as Zimbabwe poses to EU-AU discussions. The concern exists that withholding an invitation to Burma could dissuade other regional leaders from attending ASEM and dilute the meeting's importance. Muller indicated that any EU engagement with Burma would focus on discussing Burmese human rights abuses and pushing for change and improvement.
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